THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Technical publicity rules to guide PIB Officers

3556. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether technical publicity rules were issued to PIB officers to guide them for arranging publicity;

(b) if so, when were the publicity rules framed with the modifications made therein with highlights;

(c) how far the officers are conversant with these rules and follow them; and

(d) the number of officers engaged in publicity work as on 1st January, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) The 1st compilation of technical Publicity Rules was prepared in 1938. They were modified in 1964, 1987 and 1991. The rules *inter-alia* cover how press releases/ communique/note/handout, speeches, backgrounders etc. arc prepared, how Press Conference/ briefing etc. are organized and Parliamentary proceedings covered.

(c) The officers are well conversant with the Technical Publicity Rules and they follow the prescribed guidelines for dissemination of information.

(d) There were sixty six (66) Departmental Publicity Officers engaged in the publicity work at PIB (Hqrs.) as on 1st January 2002.

New Kendras of DD/AIR in Chhattisgarh

†3557. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: **Will the** Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new Kendras of Doordarshan and All India Radio which are under construction at present in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the places where these Kendras are located;

(c) the details of progress made in this regard; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) the details of action being taken for speedy completion and commissioning of these Kendras?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) A radio staiton at Saraipalli and two TV transmitter projects of Doordarshan *viz.* a High Power Transmitter (HPT) at Ambikapur (upgradation of LPT) and a Low Power Transmitter (LPT) at Pandaria, are presently under implementation in Chhattisgarh. However, no Doordarshan Kendra is presently under implementaiton in Chhattisgarh.

Installation work for the radio station has been completed and it will be commissioned as soon as posts for operation and maintenance are created. Installation of HPT at Ambikapur has been completed in an interim set up with the help of a temporary tower, pending construction of a 150 Meter tower, which is expected to be completed by the end of 2002-03. Installation of LPT, Pandaria is likely to be completed by June, 2002. Interim HPT at Ambikapur is expected to be commissioned by June, 2002. Commissioning of LPT, Pandaria would depend upon sanction and deployment of requisite staff for operation and maintenance.

CBI enquiry against the officials of DD Kashir

3558. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI officials arrested Programme Controller of Doordarshan's Kashir channel for allegedly accepting bribe to clear programmes;

(b) if so, whether the CBI has conducted enquiry in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of the outcome of the enquiry; and

(d) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Investigation by the CBI is under progress.

(d) The Controller and Assistant Controller of Programme of Kashir Channel have been placed under suspension consequent upon their arrest by the CBI.